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	AO	2003-287587	10/10/03	JP(equivalent of US 2004/078101)			NO
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	AR	2004-317183	11/11/04	JP(with English abstract)			NO
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO & AP have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References [redacted] have been cited in the corresponding [redacted] Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References [redacted] are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References AQ - AS are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

AQ: - JP 2004-318254

The proposed test method of the safety protection system can make easy to verify the function of the programmable logic device used in the system.

AR: - JP 2004-317183

In this proposed system, the signal processing is divided for each internal function, and is mounted in a separated programmable logic device for each function. Thus the function of the signal processing can be verified easily by dividing the whole processing into two or more logic devices.

AS: - JP 2002-341037

In this proposed pulse count system, the maintenance and management of the system can be easy by using the distributed processing of hard ware, not using software.